

CONTINUE WORK OF IMPROVEMENT

Bond Issue of \$150,000 Provided For in City Ordinance.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OFFICERS

Daughters of Confederacy Elect Delegates to National Convention.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 102 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., September 6.

At the session of the Common Council last night Chairman Patterson, of the Finance Committee, presented an ordinance providing for the issue and sale of bonds of the city of Petersburg, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest, to the amount of \$150,000. The ordinance provided that the bonds shall not be sold at less than par, and that the proceeds shall be used for permanent and municipal improvements. The plan is to improve streets and sewer and water main systems of the city. In continuance of the broad system of public improvements which was adopted some years ago and steadily maintained since. The old cobblestone roadways of the city are to disappear. The Finance Committee probably will favorably report the ordinance at the October meeting of the Council.

City's Bonded Debt.
The city this year retired in cash \$165,000 of its 6 per cent bonds, which matured on the first of June, thus leaving a bonded indebtedness of only \$1,250,000. Against this is an offset of securities of the value of \$510,000 in the sinking fund, leaving the net debt of the city at \$740,000.

The real estate values of the city are \$12,000,000, and the city can constitutionally issue bonds up to 25 per cent of these values, or up to \$3,000,000 in the aggregate. The city is there-

fore far below the limit in its bond issue.

Receipts and Expenditures.
As shown by the report of the Treasurer and Auditor, the city's cash receipts in August were \$94,567, and the expenditures were \$44,370.

The Council last night withdrew its appropriation for the sinking of an experimental bridge, well as the city pump-house, and laid over for future consideration a proposition to appropriate \$4,000 for the purchase of the property of the old Aqueduct Company.

An ordinance was introduced and referred to the Finance Committee, fixing the salary of the attorney and counselor for the city at \$2,400 per annum, which is nearly double the salary now paid.

Bridge to Be Sold.

The Council last night authorized the sale at public auction of the iron bridge spanning the Appomattox River at Pocahontas. On account of a material defect in its southern abutment, the bridge was condemned as unsafe some months ago, and it has since been closed to travel. Another structure may in time take its place. Another bridge is being temporarily used. The bridge is to be removed within ninety days after it is sold.

Knights Templar Officers.

At the regular meeting of Appomattox Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, last night, the following officers were elected and installed: Commandery, Sir James P. Banks, Generalissimo, Sir Harry N. James, Captain-General, Sir Wallace D. Banks, Senior Warden, Sir A. W. Bryant, Junior Warden, Sir Virgil St. Cloud, Prelate, E. Sir Charles E. Horst, Treasurer, Sir W. W. Presson, Recorder, Right E. Sir John E. Townes, Standard Bearer, Sir Linton G. Adkins, Sword Bearer, Sir Emmett H. Hoy, Warder, Sir Ira A. Davemport, Sentinel, Sir Joseph Williams, Third Guard, Sir C. C. Wright, Second Guard, Sir S. D. Rodgers, First Guard, Sir J. W. Drake, Steward, E. Sir James G. Branch.

Right Eminent John E. Townes conducted the installation ceremonies.

Death of a Citizen.
Frederick George, aged about fifty-two years, died at midnight last night at the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry George, on West Washing-

ton Street. Though his health had been failing for a year or more, his last illness was only of about a week's duration. Besides his parents he was survived by three sisters and a brother.

Daughters Elect Delegates.

The Petersburg Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, met to-day and elected the following delegates to the

General Convention of United Daughters, to be held in Richmond in November: Mrs. R. S. Gill, Mrs. W. F. Dewrey, Mrs. Maria E. Alexander, Mrs. W. Pryor Jones, Miss Hattie Elensworth and Miss Lena Adkins.

The following delegates to the State convention, which meets in Roanoke October 2, 3 and 4, were also elected:



Standing of Pony and Cart Contestants Up to 10 A. M. Yesterday

A WELSH PONY OUTFIT to the contestant having largest vote, in city districts, at close of contest. (Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.)

A WELSH PONY OUTFIT to the contestant having largest vote, outside of city districts, at close of contest. (District 5.)

THREE PRIZES IN EACH DISTRICT

District No. 1

All territory in Richmond north of the James River and west of Second Street (not including Second Street) and Barton Heights and Ginter Park. At least three prizes in this district—

A Diamond Ring, a Bicycle and a Gold Watch.

George G. Atkins, 1512 West Main Street, 1,035
Albert Anderson, Park Avenue, 1,046
Bryan Alvis, Second Boulevard, 10,998
Madeline Bigger, 716 West Grace Street, 2,029
Ernest Birch, Jr., 2467 Grove Avenue, 3,390
Celia J. Beck, 1115 Floyd Street, 1,556
Helen C. Childs, 1925 Floyd Avenue, 6,342
Hugh R. Fairbank, 1113 Brook Road, 6,357
Wm. Harrison Gordon, 290 West Main Street, 1,693
Virginia Gilliam, 318 West Cary Street, 3,070
John W. Hall, Jr., 2218 Stuart Avenue, 5,741
Marguerite W. Hall, 310 North Rowland St., 2,389
Katherine Hancock, 1800 Park Avenue, 8,149
Charles V. Hill, 713 China Street, 1,297
Louise Kellogg, 701 Hawthorne Avenue, 1,108
Margaret Landers, 800 Stuart Avenue, 4,612
Eunice Lee Vaughan-Lloyd, 219 S. Belvidere, 8,329
Gladys Lumsden, 605 West Clay Street, 6,562
Amrose P. Miller, 711 Greenwood Avenue, 6,088
Louise V. Metzger, 412 North Addison Street, 5,782
Eugene V. Hill, 14 East Clay Street, 22,228
Cordway Perkins, 1202 West Cary Street, 5,663
Vernell Sinskey, 822 West Cary Street, 6,717
Lucile B. Smith, 725 West Main Street, 17,147
Juth C. Vaughan, 2006 Stuart Avenue, 5,581
W. C. Verillion, Jr., 702 Park Avenue, 2,222
Robert W. Wynne, Brook Park Boulevard, 1,114

District No. 2

All territory in Richmond north of the James River and east of Second Street (including Second Street), also including Highland Park and Chestnut Hill. At least three prizes in this district—

A Diamond Ring, a Bicycle and a Gold Watch.

Wilkin Atkinson, 420 North Twenty-sixth St., 6,000
Jillian Baird, 114 Fourth Avenue, 1,982
Carl C. Battie, 3603 East Marshall Street, 59,458
Bernota W. Chatwood, 2119 East Grace St., 7,082
Helen Denny, 707 1/2 Denny Street, 19,697
Linwood Z. Forbes, 5090 East Broad Street, 27,581
E. Cecil Garlick, Jr., Highland Park, 60,903
William Giesendoffer, 625 North Eighth St., 69,772
Lelle Goddin, 625 North Eighth Street, 7,043
Grace V. Howard, 420 North Twenty-fourth St., 13,497
Lyndwood Hillard, 2119 Venable Street, 42,343
L. Roy M. Hord, 2004 Fairmont Avenue, 6,528
John S. Johnston, 3604 East Broad Street, 6,581
Louise Klein, 3513 Williamsburg Avenue, 40,362
Stephen Lindsay, 727 N. Twenty-seventh St., 59,255

Last Special Bonus Vote Offer This Week

10,000 Extra Votes With Every \$25 Worth of Subscriptions turned in during the week starting Monday, Sept. 4th and ending Saturday, Sept. 9th. This is absolutely the last special offer of any kind that will be made during the contest. No more special prizes will be given or inducements of any kind made, after this offer.

CONTEST CLOSES SEPTEMBER 20.

District No. 5

All territory in which The Times-Dispatch circulates, not included in the above districts. FOUR PRIZES IN THIS DISTRICT.

A Welsh Pony Outfit, A Diamond Ring, a Bicycle and a Gold Watch.

E. S. Pollard, Aylett, Va., 2,124
Martha E. Carlton, Ashland, Va., 1,371
William P. Shelton, Ashland, Va., 42,597
Virginia Thompson, Abingdon, Va., 8,265
Clarence B. Thomas, R. F. D. No. 1, Allee, Va., 7,300
Mary Jefferson, Amelia, Va., 5,660
Willard H. Brown, Blacksburg, Va., 56,258
William Patton Williams, Blacksburg, Va., 39,415
Gibson Shelton, Buckner, Va., 57,089
Asa B. Alsbaugh, Burkeville, Va., 59,573
Lucy Bryson, Boydton, Va., 5,005
George M. Farrar, Jr., Clifton Forge, Va., 25,779
Elizabeth Whitte, Crewe, Va., 25,200
Willie S. Rhodes, Cartersville, Va., 3,149
Isabel L. Holmes, Dorwell, Va., 2,219
Violet E. Wright, Doswell, Va., 60,853
Flora Douglas Martin, Dendron, Va., 5,000
Dan A. Overby, Danville, Va., 40,068
Robert L. Bradley, Ebony, Va., 6,511
Myrtle Ransome, Elk Hill, Va., 1,371
T. Olin Lenthicum, Fredericksburg, Va., 1,267
M. Elmer King, Fredericksburg, Va., 35,562
W. Edward Richardson, Farmville, Va., 56,674
Dorsey C. Hopkins, Lexington, Va., 32,607
Montgomery D. Barhn, Lacrosse, Va., 5,456
Charles C. Davis, Jr., Louisa, Va., 1,156
Gonna Browder, Lawrenceville, Va., 45,450
Lucy B. Scott, 806 Court St., Lynchburg, Va., 11,250
Maud Talley, Mineral, Va., 8,279
Isabel B. Grissell, Newport News, Va., 3,027
Floyd Daughtry, North Emporia, Va., 69,715
Charlie Collier, Old Point, Va., 43,565
Flora White, Ontario, Va., 3,440
Blanche W. Barksdale, Paces, Va., 1,674
Robert H. Gaines, R. F. D. No. 4, Richmond, 6,602
Mary G. Stoneman, R. F. D. No. 5, Richmond, 3,365
Monroe L. Crawford, R. F. D. No. 3, Richmond, 1,681
Richard C. Grant, Rio Vista, Va., 6,422
Elizabeth Alcega, Rocky Mount, N. C., 6,037
Nickett Johnston, Rock Castle, Va., 1,079
John Ashby Wright, South Boston, Va., 1,240
Tommy Rye, South Boston, Va., 1,162
Earl Huddle, Shenandoah, Va., 8,104
John B. Grissell, Surry, Va., 4,242
Mary Huddy, South Hill, Va., 46,056
Tom Ruffin, Tettington, Va., 41,305
Elizabeth H. Scott, Vinita, Va., 1,205
Lillian Robertson, Wakefield, Va., 34,695
Esther Pond, Wakefield, Va., 52,722
Mary E. Wardell, Walker's Ford, Va., 1,149
Thomas W. Humphrey, West Point, Va., 3,175
William S. Cook, Yorktown, Va., 6,675
Margorie Crumpler, Zuni, Va., 58,552

District No. 4

PETERSBURG, VA., AND SUBURBS.

At least three prizes in this district—
A Diamond Ring, a Bicycle and a Gold Watch.

Wray Baker, 30 Guarantee Street, 1,196
Lois M. Baxter, Jr., 138 N. Sycamore Street, 1,019
Rebecca Copper, 221 Halifax Street, 1,106
Handlett Jones, 48 North Market Street, 1,015
Omer Nugent, 38 Guarantee Street, 1,195
Virgil St. Cloud, Stratford Hotel, 1,178
Robert Nelson Spain, 622 Pearl Street, 7,022
Annie C. Townsend, 24 South Market Street, 4,762
W. R. Wadleigh, Jr., 180 High Street, 1,091
Helen Williamson, 622 West Washington St., 14,583

Mrs. W. Pryor Jones, Mrs. W. A. Hite, Mrs. R. T. Meade, Mrs. J. J. Nelms, Miss Annie Mann and Miss Mary Dewberry.

Rural Carriers Elect Officers.

The Virginia Rural Letter Carriers' Association concluded its second day's session and adjourned this afternoon to meet next year in Norfolk. The association was addressed to-day by Postmaster Suth Bolling and by Henry Mathews, a representative of the Post Office Department. The association elected the following officers: President, W. L. Hamersley, of Randolph; Vice-President, G. F. Murray, of Boone's Mill; Secretary and Treasurer, C. B. Conner, of Lexington. Members of Executive Board—George W. Crumpler, of Smithfield, and A. J. Tucker, of Petersburg. Delegate to National Convention in Milwaukee—B. T. White, of Chatham.

Case of Pellagra.

Thomas Epps, negro, was to-day adjudged insane by a commission and ordered committed to the State Central Hospital. He has a bad case of pellagra, and this disease was assigned as both the exciting and predisposing cause of insanity.

Killed by Kick of Mule.

H. Ludwick Marcuse, of Granite, N. C., engaged in the lumber business at Chester, was killed yesterday by the kick of a mule. He was twenty-eight years old and is survived by his wife and two children. He was a native of Brunswick, to which county his body was taken for burial. His widow is a sister of R. Crawley Jones, of Petersburg.

FLOOD OF LETTERS SHOW NO LET-UP

Easton, Pa., September 6.—Since the arrest of Miss Harrie De Witt, charged by post-office inspectors with sending scurrilous and malicious letters through the mails, scores of persons prominent in the community have received typewritten letters of the same general tone as those which were printed by the "poisoned pen." It became known yesterday. Friends of Miss De Witt assert that this is strong evidence that she is not the author of the unsigned notes which have puzzled the postal authorities.

Counsel for Miss De Witt.

W. S. Kirkpatrick, who is considered one of the ablest lawyers in Northampton county, has been retained as counsel for Miss De Witt. He will offer in evidence letters received by his client printed in ink and of the same nature as those of which the Rev. Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Margaret White Tiffney, Mrs. Bessie Crater Mayfield and a score of others have complained. One interesting feature of the case is the clue which first caused Inspector Shaeberger to suspect Miss De Witt. Her home is opposite the parsonage of Christ Lutheran Church, and she has an unobstructed view of the yard between the parsonage and the church. Persons walking in Ferry Street cannot see into the yard because of an eight-foot board fence. In one of the pen-printed letters comment is made regarding the family wash of the Snyder family on the clothes line in the yard. Wearing apparel of Mrs. Snyder is criticized, according to Inspector Shaeberger.

Another Minister Annoyed by Letter.

It became known last night that Rev. Charles H. Bohner, pastor of Trinity Church, whose name has not heretofore been mentioned in connection with the case, has received more than fifty unsigned letters within the last three years.

The unknown writer made no reference to the Rev. Mr. Snyder or his bride. The letters protested against the subjects chosen by Dr. Bohner for his sermons. When post-office inspectors were making an investigation three years ago, one of the best known women in the city, who was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, was accused of being responsible for the unsigned letters. She protested her innocence and convinced the investigators that she had been wrongly accused.

CHINESE NATION FACED BY FAMINE

Shanghai, September 6.—The rice famine caused by the floods throughout China has extended to Shanghai. Officials here, apprehensive of serious risings in the vicinity, and in order to prevent a monopoly, have issued a proclamation prohibiting merchants from charging more than a certain price, the record price reached to-day.

The supply on hand, it is estimated, will last the population of 800,000 Chinese five days.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce met to-day and decided to accept a loan of \$500,000 (Mexican) from the Governor of Poochow to purchase rice in Hongkong and Siam, where prices have already risen to Shanghai rates, owing to large purchase by Japanese to relieve the distress in Formosa.

The committee also wired to Peking to remove the embargo against certain places in the Yangtze river, in hopes by this means to alleviate the distress until the arrival of foreign cargoes.

All the districts usually depended upon by the Shanghai coast ports for supplies have lost crops by rain or flood. They, in common with the central provinces, face starvation.

The floods in the Yangtze River continue. Hundreds of square miles are still under water, the dykes being unable to resist the pressure. In some districts southwest of Shanghai the farmers have united in raising dykes and have succeeded in keeping water out, although it is ten feet above the level of the fields, where reclamation is impossible.

Farmers are engaged up to their necks in water cutting submerged crops, in the hope of obtaining nourishment from the soaked grain. In the valley of the Yangtze it is estimated that more than 100,000 persons have perished up to date, while millions have been driven from their homes to the hillside, where the majority live in the open like pigs. The remainder are sheltered from the torrential downpours by fragile matting and subsist upon roots, grass, weeds, leaves and bark, with the little grain carried with them in their flight.

The mortality is increasing daily owing to an outbreak of pestilence. The trunks on the Nanking Railway are blocked by thousands of refugees. Bands of refugees are beginning to march toward the large cities, pillaging the burning. The whole district of Changsha, near Soochow, has been swept by them. Rice shops have been looted or destroyed and government buildings burned. He walked city of Soochow is also threatened and several shops have been attacked. The military has so far held the

crowds in check. In order to protect Nanking troops have been called out to stop the advance of refugees, but it is feared that as soon as the water abates millions from the hills will join the general movement and overrun the country unless relief is conveyed to them.

All ports along the Yangtze report floods in the streets. Hankow, Nanking, Wuhu, Unkiang and Nanking are submerged and houses are flooded. At Wuhu the distress is most acute.

Most of the Chinese have been driven from their homes. Many foreign houses are endangered. The natives are camped on the hills in the vicinity and are being fed by the famine fund commissioners. The British and American Tobacco Company will distribute its own staff to-morrow to distribute food to the amount of \$10,000.

The central China famine committee, which did not exist until a general year, is reorganizing as a general committee. The American consul, Mr. Wilder, will be asked to act as chairman.

While the famine will be the most serious in this century, newspapers here urge foreign countries not to recklessly give relief unless the Chinese government undertakes to provide adequate measures to protect the people in future.

Rear-Admiral Murdock, of the American squadron now here, will depart up the river to make an inspection Sunday next.

IRISH AUTHORESS DEAD

Mrs. Katherine Cecil Thurston Succumbs in Cork Hotel. London, September 6.—Mrs. Katherine Cecil Thurston, the Irish authoress, was found dead this morning at a hotel in Cork.

Mrs. Thurston was a native of Cork, and married in 1901 Ernest Charles Thurston, with whom she was the joint author of several popular novels.

The couple lived happily until 1907, when, according to Mrs. Thurston, her husband informed her that it was necessary that he should live his own life, and, for the purpose of literary work, should go down into the very depths of society. The authoress was granted a divorce in the spring of 1910.

VOTING PLACES.

The following are the locations of the various voting places in the city:

LEE WARD.

First Precinct—Southwest corner of Harrison and Broad Streets.

Second Precinct—602 West Broad Street.

Third Precinct—1815 West Broad Street.

CLAY WARD.

First Precinct—617 West Main Street.

Second Precinct—219 South Harrison Street.

Third Precinct—304 South Laurel Street.

Fourth Precinct—1826 West Cary Street.

HENRY WARD.

First Precinct—4 South First Street.

Second Precinct—221 West Broad Street.

Third Precinct—505 Brook Avenue.

MONROE WARD.

First Precinct—205 East Canal Street.

Second Precinct—206 North Third Street.

Third Precinct—401 North Third Street.

Fourth Precinct—800 North First Street.

MADISON WARD.

First Precinct—414 North Eighth Street.

Second Precinct—114 North Seventh Street.

Third Precinct—221 Governor Street.

Fourth Precinct—600 North Seventeenth Street.

JEFFERSON WARD.

First Precinct—20 North Seventeenth Street.

Second Precinct—2219 East Main Street.

Third Precinct—Corner of Twenty-Third and Leigh Streets.

Fourth Precinct—Masonic Hall, Twenty-Fifth Street.

MARSHALL WARD.

First Precinct—Corner of Second and Denny Streets.

Second Precinct—2715 East Franklin Street.

Third Precinct—Twenty-eighth and M Streets.

WASHINGTON WARD.

First Precinct—618 Hull Street.

Second Precinct—Courthouse.

Third Precinct—1304 Hull Street.

Fourth Precinct—Fourteenth and Hull Streets, Malone's Store.